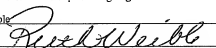


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant's undersigned representative respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks to be considered in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 21, 2009. The Applicant requests a one-month extension of time to file this amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge an extension fee of \$65 for response within the first month under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 03-0172, order number 22344/04014. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any and all additional fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-0172, order number 22344/04014.